

Edinburgh, Leith, and Granton Railway.—This line, which was formerly called the Edinburgh, Leith, and Newhaven Railway, has changed its name since the Bills have been passed, authorizing the extension branches to Leith and Granton. The contract for the Granton branch has been contracted for at a sum far below the estimated cost, and the contract for the Leith branch is also advertised for.

OPENING OF A TUMULUS.

A TUMULUS or barrow called East-low, and more generally by the rustics Easly-hill, in the parish of Kingham, near Bury St. Edmund's, was excavated and explored on the 4th ult., under the direction of the Rev. Professor Henslow. The hillock at its base is about 90 or 100 feet in diameter, and its height 13 or 14 feet, covered on all sides with thorn-bushes, except its summit, which has the appearance of a spacious harbour, accessible by several winding paths through the dense thorn bushes. The tumulus is situated at the south-eastern angle of the four crossways of a road, having to the southward three other tumuli of smaller dimensions, which had been opened at a former period. The excavation was entered on the south side, the entrance being protected by two upright pieces of timber supporting a cross beam, to prevent the earth from falling; the same precaution was taken within the subterraneous passage as the work of excavation proceeded. At several yards' distance from the entrance was found the tomb or chamber, built of flint and mortar, with rows of tiles at intervals, about 12 feet long and 4½ wide. Around this chamber was cut a complete passage, wider on the side entered than on the other sides; and at the north-eastern corner of the excavation was cut a passage for egress, by which means the visitors could pass round with more convenience, or make their exit. The tomb or chamber, which appeared exceedingly fresh and solid, was broken open on the west side nearest the entrance, and on the north side, and the chamber was found to contain a leaden coffin, deposited as in a brick-grave at the present day. A complete arch was found a little above the coffin, formed of Roman tiles intermixed with much mortar, and then regularly covered with Roman tiles, like the roof of a house. The leaden coffin was 6 feet 9 inches long, and 1 foot 5 inches broad, and 1 foot 4 inches deep. It was formed out of a sheet of lead, by turning up the sides and ends, as in making a box or tray with a card. The edges were soldered on the inside; the lid was a loose sheet, also turned in at the edges, but without soldering. When the lid was removed, there appeared a skeleton, the skull-bone and some teeth in good preservation. In the mouth, according to ancient custom, was an obolus, or piece of money, too much corroded, properly, to ascertain its date. This was intended to pay Charon, the grim ferryman of the Styx. At the head, or north side of the grave or chamber, and adjoining it, was a small chamber, perhaps about 2 feet square, which had contained lacrymatories or small glass phials, supposed by some to be intended for holding the tears of the mourners, but considered by Professor Henslow as vessels for balms and balsams. The glass was gone to dust, which appeared like so much salt lying at the bottom of the chamber. Altogether the discovery is one of much interest to antiquarians; and Professor Henslow appears disposed to consider that the skeleton is that of the last owner of the Roman villa discovered last year near the spot, and that the tomb was erected at a late period of the Roman occupation of Britain, when it had ceased to be the practice to burn the dead.

SALE OF ESTATES.—During the last two or three months there has been a sale of landed property in Fife which is quite unprecedented. In that time there have been sold the lands of Pitlessie, for 19,750*l.*, to the Dowager Lady Glasgow; Newbigging, to Mr. Johnstone, for, we believe, about 19,500*l.*; Trenchats, to the College of St. Andrews, for 3,000*l.*; Myreside, 4,000*l.*, to Mr. Currie, Leven; Pitmedden, for about 5,000*l.*; Kinghamsie, for nearly the same sum. Within a short period back, also, the estates of Balgarvie, Radernie, and Smyddgreen, in this county, have been purchased.

Miscellaneous.

BURNS' FESTIVAL.—DIMENSIONS OF THE PAVILION.—We took a stroll to the ground yesterday (August 2), and were much gratified by the appearance of the pavilion; it seems admirably adapted for the purpose intended, whether in point of external effect or internal accommodation. Mr. McNab and Mr. Dickie, the contractors, are doing every justice to the workmanship. As with our changeable climate, fine weather, however desirable, is not to be calculated upon, it is essential that the erection be water-tight; and this the contractors are insuring, by first roofing it with wood and afterwards overlaying it with felt that is impervious to rain. In the interior, the pavilion is 120 feet long, by 110 feet wide, yielding ample accommodation for 2,000 persons, with an architrave on each side, 6 feet indented, by 36 feet long, and elevated 11 feet—the one for reporters for the press, the other for the Glasgow quadrille band. At the one end is the chairman's seat, and fronting it the croupler's, both elevated; and at one side Mr. Blewitt, the eminent composer, who has charge of the music, will preside at the pianoforte, near which it is expected will be Mr. Templeton and Mr. Wilson, and an effective band of glee singers, trained for the occasion.—*Paisley Paper.*

THE STATUE OF WILLIAM IV.—A number of workmen, under the superintendence of Mr. Painter, one of the surveyors of pavements for the city of London, have commenced digging the open space between King William-street and Gracechurch-street, for the foundation of the statue of his late Majesty William IV., which will be erected in the course of the ensuing month. The statue is 18 feet high, and the design is by Mr. Richard Kelsey, the surveyor to the Commissioners of Sewers; the task of sculpturing the figure having been entrusted to Mr. S. Nixon. The statue and pedestal, which will be 40 feet high, will from its position be seen from the Surrey side of the water, and will occupy the spot where formerly stood the Old Boar's Head Tavern, immortalized by Shakespeare. The figure of his late Majesty is chiselled out of two immense blocks of granite, the largest weighing 30 tons, and the smallest 15 tons. The king is represented dressed in an admiral's uniform, over which is the robe of state.

THE VALUE OF GROUND NEAR GLASGOW.—On Thursday week the lands of Stnbercas, to the west of Finnieston, and extending from the Clyde northward to near the Dumbarton-road, were sold by public roup at the price of 3*s.* per square yard, imperial measure. These lands extend to about 60 Scotch, or about 80 imperial acres, which, being about 387,000 square yards, make the price amount to somewhere about 58,000*l.*; but as the purchaser pays the auction duty, which will be about 1,770*l.*; as well as the half of the conveyance stamp, the price will actually amount to upwards of 60,000*l.* These lands were purchased by the late Mr. Philips (by whose trustees they have been sold) in the year 1786, for about 3,700*l.*, making a rise in value of upwards of 56,000*l.*—*Scotch Paper.*

Tenders.

TENDERS delivered for repairs and alterations at St. James's Church, Duke's-place.—Mr. Meredith, Architect.

Turner and Sons	£1,295
J. Matthews	1,219
Ketley	1,139
Little and Son	1,075
W. Trego	1,071
W. Lawrence and Sons	1,032
W. Elston	993
Brodger and Ashley	989
J. Gerry	946
— Grimdale	945
Rd. Ashley	940
Dd. King	933

TENDERS delivered for General Repairs of St. Peter's, upon Cornhill.

Look and Neshan	£1,276
Cooke and Son	1,245
Piper	1,198
Cole	1,196
Hattam and Craske	833
Pritchard	829

The lowest tender accepted.

TENDERS delivered for alterations and improvements intended to be made to Aldridge's Repository, St. Martin's-lane, for M. C. Allen, Esq.—Charles Hatchard, Surveyor, 50, Lower Belgrave-place. August 13.

Messrs. Bennett and Hunt	£2,685
Mr. Symmons	3,644
Messrs. Parry and Son	3,638
Mr. Stearman	3,358
Mr. Todd	3,275
Mr. Mason	3,200
Mr. Cooper	2,988

TENDERS delivered for Additions and Alterations of Trinity (Baptist) Chapel, Trinity-street, South-west.—R. Suter, Esq., Architect.

Wadey	£385
Crowhurst	385
Friend	358

TENDERS delivered for erecting a new first-rate house in Red Lion-street, Whitechapel, for Mr. White. August 7.

Woolcott and Son	£1,648
Fanson	1,595
Rivett	1,545

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

For sundry Alterations and Additions to the Bath Penitentiary.—Drawings, &c. G. P. Manperi, Esq., Architect, Oxford-row, Bath. 19th August.

For the several Artificers' Works in the Erection of both or either of the New Churches—one at Morton; and the other at East Stockwith, near Gainsburgh.—Drawings, &c. Messrs. Hurst and Moffatt, Architects, Doncaster. 31st August.

For the supply of 2,000-yards run of Flat Caroline Hose Granite Curbing, parish of St. John, at Hackney.—C. H. Pulley, Clerk to Board for Repair of Highways. 21st August.

For the Repairs of Crypt School and House, and for Erecting a Covering to the Vegetable Market in the Southgate-street, Gloucester.—Mr. Jackman, the Chamberlain, Half-street, Gloucester. August 20.

For the Construction of a Sea Sloice, Bridges, and Tunnels, and for Excavating a Drain from a point near Gaywood-bridge, to Fisher's Fleet, in King's Lynn.—Mr. E. Durrant, King's Lynn. August 20.

For 57,000 Larch or Memel Sleepers for the Leeds and Bradford Railway.—Company's Offices, Leeds. August 26.

For 3,300 Tons of Wrought Iron Rails for the Leeds and Bradford Railway, each rail to be 15 feet long, and to weigh 65 lbs. per lineal yard.—Company's Offices, Leeds. August 26.

For 1,100 of Cast Iron Chairs, for the Leeds and Bradford Railway.—Company's Offices, Leeds. August 26.

For 500 Tons of best Railway Bars of the parallel double T form, weight about 75 lbs. per yard, for the Liverpool and Manchester Railway.—To the Treasurer of the Liverpool and Manchester Railways, Liverpool. August 21.

For the Erection of a Dwelling-House for the Superintendent of the Steam Drainage Engine, and for the Walls and other necessary works to enclose a Coal-yard and Premises, and for Building a Bridge.—Mr. W. H. Young, Surveyor, Mildenhall.

For Erecting a Cast-Iron Fence, and Wrought-Iron Gates and Lamp Irons, on Yorkshire stone coping, next the high road at the Cavalry Barracks, Maidstone.—Ordnance Office, Pall Mall. August 22.

For supplying 2,250 Loads of African Timber, and delivering at H. M.'s several Dockyards during the year 1845.—Secretary of the Admiralty. 3rd September.

For supplying and delivering at H. M.'s several Dockyards during the year 1845, 1,500 loads of Honduras Mahogany.—Secretary of the Admiralty. 3rd September.

COMPETITIONS.

A PRIZE of 100 guineas will be given by the commissioners appointed to erect a lunatic asylum in the vicinity of the city of Kingston, Jamaica, to the person who shall produce the best plan, accompanied by a specification; of an asylum for the reception of the insane. The institution must accommodate 200 patients of both sexes, with the requisite number of officers and servants, and due attention must be paid in the plan to the proper classification of the patients, and the climate in which the asylum is to be erected. The plan must also show how an addition may be made for the accommodation of 100 patients more, in the event of such being required. The plans must also set forth the probable cost of the building in stone, brick, and iron. The principal portion of the building is to be allotted to paupers, but the commissioners are de-